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PRIME MINISTER SANYA THAMMASAK HELD A NEWS CONFERENCE JANUARY
16 FOLLOWING IS AN UNOFFICIAL USIS TRANSLATION OF HIS REMARKS
ON CIA:

1. REPORTER: I HAVE HEARD THAT YOU HAVE ORDERED INVESTIGATION
OF THE CIA INCIDENT. WHAT RESULTS HAVE BEEN OBTAINED FROM INVE-
STIGATIONS?

SANYA: I HAVE NOT ORDERED ANY INVESTIGATIONS. I HAVE ONLY
INSTRUCTED FIVE ORGANIZATIONS, WHO SHOULD POSSESS MUCH BETTER IN-
FORMATION REGARDING THE CIA THAN I, TO STUDY ITS ACTIVITIES CON-
CERNED WITH THEM RESPECTIVELY AND SHOULD THEY HAVE ANY INFORMATION
TO REPORT IT TO ME.

2. REPORTER: HAVE THEY SUBMITTED REPORTS TO YOU YET?

SANYA: NOT YET, BECAUSE IT IS VERY COMPLICATED AND SMI-
CLASSIFIED.

3. REPORTER: WHAT ARE THOSE FIVE ORGANIZATIONS?

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SANYA: THEY ARE: THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL, THE DEPART-

MENT OF CENTRAL INTERLLIGENCE, THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE, THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, AND THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. THEY SHOULD HAVE KNOWN THAT THEY SHOULD HAVE MADE THISTUDY AND REPORTED TO ME ALREADY, BECAUSE THIS CIA HAS INFILTRATED INTO EVERY COUNTRY AND IT HAS BEEN IN OUR COUNTRY FOR A LONG TIME. WE MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO KNOW WHO IS WHO BECAUSE IT IS AN INTELLIGENCE UNIT. SHOULD RESULTS OF ITS WORK BE WITH EVIL INTNTIONS TOWARD US OR CONSTITUTE INTERFERENCE IN OUR INTERNAL AFFAIRS, WE COULD NOT ALLOW IT TO BE CARRIED ON. BUT SHOULD IT PROVIDE US WITH INTELLIGENCE REPORTS THAT ARE ACCURRATE OF THE SITUATION IN NEIGHBORING COUNTIRES IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO US, BECAUSE SUCH INTELLIGENCE REPORTS ARE OF IMPORTANCE FOR ANALYSIS OF DEVELOPMENTS IN NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES AND THEIR TRENDS. OR SHOULD ITS INVESTIGATIONS OBTAIN INFORMATION OF ANY ROUTE ALONG WHICH HEROIN IS BEING TRANSPORTED, INFORMATION WE HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO OBTAIN IN AS GREAT DETAIL, IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO US AND ENABLE US TO AMBUSH AND SEIZE THAT HEROIN BE- FOR ANY SERIOUS INCIDENT COULD OCCUR. SUCH INTELLIGENCE WORK IS BOTH GOOD AND ADVERSE, BUT SHOULD IT COME AND INTERFERE IN OUR INTERNAL AFFAIRS IT WOULD NOT BE GOOD AT ALL THEREFORE SHOULD SUCH ACTIVITIES BE SEEN WE WOULD HAVE TO TAKE ACTION.

4. REPORTER: COULD THIS INCIDENT OF THE FORGED LETTER BE CON- sidered AS CAUSING TROUBLE?

SANYA: IS CONSIDER THAT IT CAUSES TROUBLE, REGARDLESS WHETHER THE ACTION WAS STUPID ORCELEVER, WITH GOOD INTENTIONS OR BAD INTEN- TIONS, I CONSIDER THAT IT CAUSES TROUBLE.

5. REPORTER: IN VIEW OF THE SITUATION IN OUR COUNTRY AT PRESENT, DO YOU FEEL THAT THERE IS ANY NECESSITY FOR THE PRESENCE OF THE CIA HERE?

SANYA: IT IS VERY DIFFICULT FOR ME TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTION BECAUSE I AM NOT IN SUFFICIENTLY CLOSE CONTACT WITH CIA WORK TO KNOW TO WHAT EXTENT IT MIGHT BE USEFUL OR ADVERSE. THAT IS WHY I HAVE ASKED THE CSOC AND THE DEPARTMENT OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE FOR REPORTS. CSOC IS ATTACHED TO THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE--IT IS OUR INTELLIGENCE UNIT. PLEASE BE CAREFUL WHEN YOU WRITE THIS UP OR IT MIGHT BE DAMAGING TO US. IN OTHERWORDS, WE HAVE INTELLIGENCE UNCLASSIFIED

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UNITS ALSO. EVERY AND ALL COUNTRIES HAVE INTELLIGENCE UNITS.

6. REPORTER: HAS CONSIDERATION BEEN PAID TO LT. GEN. SAIYUD'S ADVICE FOR A PROTEST TO BE MADE OVER THIS INCIDENT?

SANYA: HE HAS NOT SUBMITTED TI TO THE GOVERMENT YET. HE HAS MOST PROBABLY SUBMITTED IT THROUGH THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE BUT I KNOW NOTHING OF IT YET.

7. REPORTER: WILL YOU JUDGE THE NECESSITY FROM REPORTS OF THESE FIVE ORGANIZATIONS?

SANYA: THEIR REPORTS WILL HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED BY A CABINET MEETING, AND IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO PREDICT WHAT DECISION WILL BE REACHED.

8. REPORTER: HAS ANY TIME LIMIT BEEN FIXED FOR THE REPORTS?

SANYA: NO TIME LIMIT HAS BEEN FIXED BUT THE LETTERS SENT WERE MARKED "CLASSIFIED AND MOST URGENT."

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